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**WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/June 26-July 11, 2003**

(Please note two-week span above. The next update will be issued on 7/10)

**Holiday Travel Alert:** For the most part, active construction work is not planned during the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday weekend. Long-term traffic revisions such as those on SR 290 in Spokane and US 395 in Colville will remain in effect.

**US 2/Fairchild Main Gate Turn Lane (MP 275)**-Minor items remain.

**SR 20/Okanogan County Line to Graves Mtn. Rd. (MP 297-326)**- Crews will perform prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays.

**SR 20/Ruby Mountain to Newport (MP 404-436)**-Work will get underway shortly on this project in Pend Oreille County. Shoulder work may start the week of July 7. Possible lane restrictions. This project consists of a pavement overlay from Ruby Mountain to Metcalf Lake (MP 404-412) and a chip seal from Metcalf Lake to Newport (MP 412-436).

**SR 21/Lind to I-90 (MP 25-37)**-Chip seal work may be underway. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**SR 21/Wilbur to Keller Ferry (MP 93-106)**-If the schedule permits, chip seal work may be underway the week of July 7. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**SR 21/Republic to the Canada Border (MP 162-191)**-Crews will continue prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Ferry County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays.

**SR 25/Reinbold Rd. to Spokane River (MP 17-23)**- Crews will perform prep work for the upcoming chip-seal project on this highway in Lincoln County. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers and/or pilot cars with possible delays.

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**SR 25/Kettle Falls to Bossburg (MP 81-102)**-Paving work will be underway on this highway resurfacing and guardrail update project north of Kettle Falls in Stevens County. Motorists should expect delays with flaggers and pilot cars directing traffic around the work. Work will be underway Monday through Saturday, 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. No work on July 3.

**SR 26-Colfax/Palouse River Bridge (MP 133)**-Work is underway on this bridge rail replacement project. A traffic barrier in the center of the bridge and temporary traffic signal are in place. Bridge traffic is reduced to one 12 foot lane and controlled by the traffic light. Motorists should use caution and can expect short delays as oncoming traffic crosses the bridge. (Wide loads will be advised of detour routes as part of their over legal permit process.) **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** There is a reduction in the legal speed limit to 35 mph on SR 26 in the vicinity of this project. Motorists are required to slow down in this area. (Schedule information on this project is subject to change and may be updated on July 7)

**SR 27/Palouse to Garfield (MP 15-25)**-Chip seal work may be underway. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**I-90/Salvage Road Interchange to Geiger Blvd. Interchange (MP 265-275)**-Work is underway with shoulder and median items on the schedule. Motorists should expect possible lane restrictions with traffic reduced to one lane in each direction and possible slower traffic in the vicinity of active work with equipment and personnel adjacent to and on the roadway. Some intermittent rock blasting work will also be underway. Blasting requires that I-90 be closed in both directions for up to 10 minutes.

**I-90/Eastbound Trent-Hamilton Off Ramp Sign Repairs (MP 282)**-On Monday June 30 and Tuesday, July 1, from about 9:00 a.m. to possibly 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be working on overhead signs in the eastbound off ramp lanes between the Division eastbound on ramp and the Trent/Hamilton eastbound double lane off ramp. All ramps and freeway through lanes will remain open. Division Street eastbound on ramp traffic should be prepared to merge onto the mainline prior to reaching the work zone. Trent/Hamilton eastbound off ramp traffic will be able to exit the mainline just after the work zone. No delays expected.

**HIGH IMPACT!! I-90 Westbound Division Street Off Ramp Sign Repairs (MP 282)**-On Wednesday, July 2, from about 9:00 a.m. to possibly 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be working on overhead signs in the westbound lanes between the Hamilton westbound on ramp and the Division westbound off ramp. Through traffic on I-90 will be reduced to two lanes. Westbound Hamilton on ramp traffic should be prepared to merge onto the mainline prior to reaching the work zone. Motorists should be alert for slow traffic and congestion.

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**I-90/Sullivan Road to Idaho Border (MP 292-299)**-Work is underway on this freeway resurfacing project. Paving operations should be getting underway the evening of June 30. During the daytime hours on weekdays, motorists need to be alert for equipment and personnel adjacent to the travel lanes. In the evenings and overnight hours on weekdays, plus all hours on weekends, motorists need to be alert for lane closures and speed reductions. **SPEED LIMIT ALERT:** When lane reductions are in place, the legal speed will be dropped to 55 m.p.h. Motorists need to be extremely alert for speed limit changes. Speed limit signs will be in place to note the exact location of the speed limits during working hours.

**SR 174/Grant County Line to Wilbur (MP 23-40)**- Chip seal work may be underway. While work is underway, motorists can expect loose gravel and fresh oil on the roadway. Expect possible slow, single-lane traffic controlled by flaggers or pilot cars. This work requires dry weather.

**US 195/Spangle to Excelsior Drive (MP 80-88)**- Work is now underway on this surface rehabilitation project south of Spokane. The work is in the southbound lanes only. Concrete pavement grinding work is on the schedule. The southbound lanes will be reduced to one lane at various work sites. Motorists may experience some slow traffic near these work sites.

**SR 290-Trent Avenue/Spokane River Bridge (MP 0.4-0.6)**- Work continues on this bridge replacement project between downtown and Hamilton Street. Trent Ave. is closed to through traffic between Riverpoint Blvd. and Cincinnati Street. Detours are fully signed. Access to all businesses on Trent is available. This is a long-term closure.

**US 395/Immel Rd. to Arden (MP 212-223)**-On July 7, work on this resurfacing project in Stevens County may get underway with minor items. Possible short delays.

**US 395 /Colville-Hawthorne Avenue Intersection (MP 229)**-Work continues on this intersection project at the south end of Colville. This is a City of Colville project with WSDOT participation. For detailed information call (509) 684-2244.

**US 395/Colville (MP 230)**-Contractor crews working with the City of Colville will be constructing additional an turning lane, driveway access, and lighting for the Wal-Mart near 8<sup>th</sup> Street in north Colville. Possible lane restrictions.

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